26.10.2016 События

The first four geographical indications of the Republic of Moldova obtained protection in the European Union, being recognized in the 28 Member States of the European Union.

The decision was adopted in the second meeting of the Geographical Indications Subcommittee established in accordance with Article 306 of the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union, which was held on 18h October this year, in Brussels.

Thus, as of 18 October 2016, on the EU territory are protected geographical indications designating three wine-growing zones of the Republic of Moldova: Valul lui Traian, Codru, Stefan Voda and geographical indication Divin, which will be used for the “old wine brandy” product made on the whole territory of the Republic of Moldova.

Previously, it was assured protection in the EU for two appellations of origin of the Republic of Moldova: Ciumai and Romanesti.

The Second Meeting of the Republic of Moldova - European Union Geographical Indications Subcommittee was hosted by the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG Agri) of the European Commission, which currently holds the chairmanship of the GI Subcommittee.

From the European Union in the meeting took part representatives of DG Agri and the EU Delegation to Chisinau.

Moldovan delegation was made up of representatives of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Mission of the Republic of Moldova to Brussels.

The European party will hold the chairmanship of the GI Subcommittee until 31 December 2016, after which the chairmanship of the Subcommittee will be taken over by the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the GI Subcommittee, which is responsible to monitor the development of the agreement in the field of geographical indications and serves as a forum for cooperation and dialogue in the GI matter.

Thus, during the meeting were reviewed the latest developments in the geographical indications system of the republic of Moldova and the European Union.

After an exchange of views and information, the parties signed the ***Decision amending Annexes XXX-C and XXX-D to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part***. By that Decision are amended the Lists of Protected Geographical Indications protected under the Association Agreement, by including new GIs belonging to both Parties.

Another topic that was treated carefully within the Subcommittee aims to ensure the protection of appellation of origin Prosecco (Italy), a name used by a company from the Republic of Moldova to mark wines produced in the Republic of Moldova. We should remind that the appellation of origin Prosecco benefits in the Republic of Moldova from protection both under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova and in accordance with the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration, agreement to which the Republic Moldova is a party.

RM delegation informed the EU party about the actions taken by AGEPI, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and other authorities to ensure the protection of EU GIs in the Republic of Moldova, and gave assurances that it will continue to inform European partners about developments on this sensitive subject.

The European party appreciated the efforts made by the Moldovan authorities in this regard and confirmed its availability to provide the necessary assistance and support to overcome the situation and strengthen the GIs protection system in the Republic of Moldova.

Finally, the parties exchanged information on the new EU and respectively RM GIs proposed for protection under the Association Agreement, the decision on their inclusion in Annexes XXX-C and XXX-D to the Association Agreement being supposed to be signed during the next meeting of the Subcommittee, which is scheduled to be held in Chisinau, in October 2017.

Moldova has notified the European Commission about two geographical indications for which it seeks protection in the EU, namely: *Protected Geographical Indication “Apricot Brandy of Nimoreni”* and *Protected Geographical Indication “Rose Petal Jam of Calarasi”*.


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